

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

Competitive Product Prices  
Priority Mail Contract 179 (MC2016-63)  
Negotiated Service Agreement

Docket No. CP2017-78

PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON  
POSTAL SERVICE NOTICE OF AMENDMENT  
TO PRIORITY MAIL NEGOTIATED SERVICE AGREEMENT

(January 13, 2017)

The Public Representative hereby provides comments pursuant to Notice Initiating Docket(s) for Recent Postal Service Negotiated Service Agreement Filings<sup>1</sup>. In that Notice, the Commission established the above referenced docket to receive comments from interested persons, including the undersigned Public Representative, on a Postal Service Notice of a change in the terms of Priority Mail Contract 179<sup>2</sup>. Attachment A to the Notice consists of a redacted version of the amendment to the original contract.

**COMMENTS**

As filed, the amendment replaces Sections I.E, I.f, I.G (including Table 1), LR (including Table 2), I.I, and Section IIJ of the original contract and amends both volume commitments and pricing. Attachment A at 1. Pursuant to 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a), the Postal Service's competitive prices must not result in the subsidization of competitive products by market dominant products; ensure that each competitive product will cover its attributable costs; and, ensure that all competitive products collectively contribute an

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<sup>1</sup> Notice Initiating Docket(s) for Recent Postal Service Negotiated Service Agreement Filings, January 6, 2017. (Notice)

<sup>2</sup> Notice of United States Postal Service of Amendment to Priority Mail Contract 179, with Portions Filed Under Seal, January 5, 2017 (Notice).

appropriate share of the institutional costs of the Postal Service. The Public Representative has reviewed the original Priority Mail Contract 179, the Postal Service's amendment, and the financial work papers associated with both. The amended contract appears to generate sufficient revenue to cover cost and meets the requirements of 39 U.S.C. § 3633(a). Therefore, the Public Representative recommends Commission approve the amendment to Priority Mail Contract 179.

The Public Representative respectfully submits the foregoing comments for the Commission's consideration.

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